



IF  
**GOD**

IS FOR US

**WHO CAN BE**

*Against us?*

ROMANS 8:31



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## The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost August 27th, 2023

*Grace ~ “I am not ashamed of the gospel. . .”*



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

*Grace ~ “These are written that you may believe. . .”*



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God’s Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

*Grace ~ “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations. . .”*



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Pt. 3:18**

## Opening Hymn

CW21 Blue #781: Lord, as the Day Begins  
(Tune Blue # 775 – Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>)

*Lord, as the day begins  
lift up our hearts in praise;  
take from us all our sins,  
guard us in all our ways:  
our every step direct and guide  
that Christ in all be glorified!*

*Christ be in work and skill,  
serving each other's need;  
Christ be in thought and will,  
Christ be in word and deed:  
our minds be set on things above  
in joy and peace, in faith and love.*

*Grant us the Spirit's strength,  
teach us to walk his way;  
so bring us all at length  
safe to the close of day:  
from hour to hour sustain and bless,  
and let our song be thankfulness.*

*Now as the day begins  
make it the best of days;  
take from us all our sins,  
guard us in all our ways:  
our every step direct and guide  
that Christ in all be glorified!*

## Invocation

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**C:** **I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.**

**The Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #816 (1-2): I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

*I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you,  
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.*

*I am trusting you for pardon; At your feet I bow,  
For your grace and tender mercy, Trusting now.*

**Confession of Sin**

M: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with you there is forgiveness; Therefore, you are feared.**

M: He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

**C: He redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.**

M: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

**C: The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

M: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

**C: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

**The Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #816 (3-4): I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

*I am trusting you for cleansing, In the crimson flood.  
Trusting you who made me holy, By your blood.*

*I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying, All my need.*

**Absolution**

M: The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

**C: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him.**

M: Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

**C: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.**

## The Hymn:

CW21 Blue #816 (5-6): I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

*I am trusting you for power; You can never fail.*

*Words which you yourself shall give me, Must prevail.*

*I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.*

*I am trusting you forever, And for all.*

## The Prayer of the Day

**M:** Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## The Word

### The First Lesson

Exodus 14:5-18;30-31

<sup>5</sup>When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials had a change of heart concerning the people. They said, “What have we done? We have let Israel go! They will not serve us anymore!” <sup>6</sup>So Pharaoh prepared his chariot and took his troops with him. <sup>7</sup>He also took six hundred of the best chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. <sup>8</sup>The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites. The Israelites were going out defiantly. <sup>9</sup>The Egyptians pursued them. All the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his charioteers, and his army caught up with them where they were camping by the sea...

<sup>10</sup>As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians marching after them. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you took us to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Wasn’t this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone. Let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” <sup>13</sup>Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm, and see the salvation from the LORD, which he will perform for you today. For the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you. You must wait quietly.”

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to set out. <sup>16</sup>As for you, lift up your staff, stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide the

sea so that the Israelites can go through the middle of the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> I myself will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go into the sea after them, and I will gain glory through Pharaoh and his entire army, through his chariots and his charioteers. <sup>18</sup> The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory through Pharaoh, his chariots, and his charioteers.”

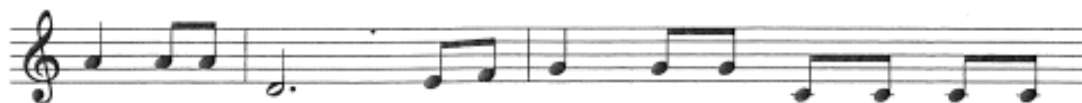
<sup>30</sup> On that day the LORD saved Israel from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the mighty hand which the LORD put into action against the Egyptians, and the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in Moses, his servant.

### The Hymn:

CW21 Blue #810: The First Song of Isaiah



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and



not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my



sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.



1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing

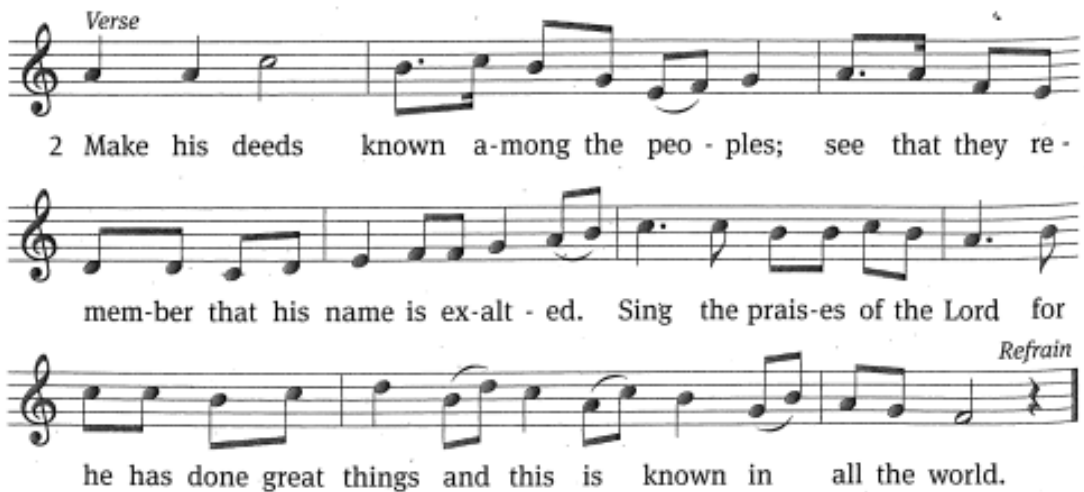


from the springs of sal - va - tion. And on that day you shall say, “Give



thanks to the Lord and call up - on his name.”

Verse



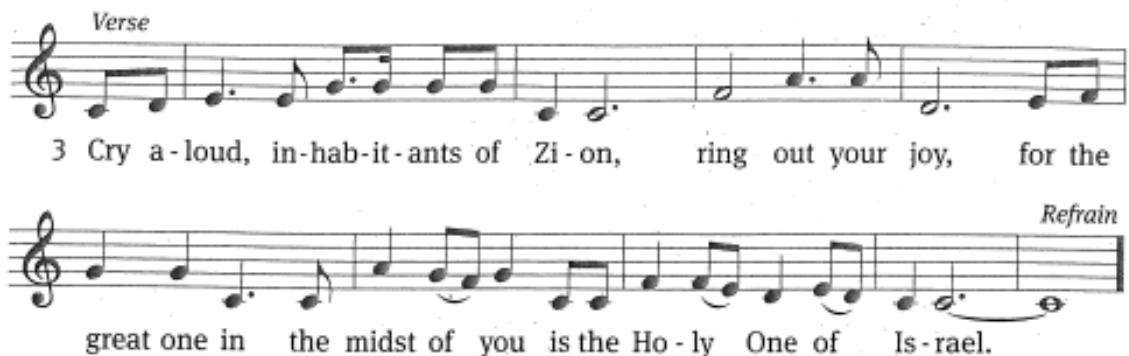
2 Make his deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re -  
 mem-ber that his name is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord for  
 he has done great things and this is known in all the world. Refrain

**Refrain**

*Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.*

*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.*

Verse



3 Cry a-loud, in-hab-it-ants of Zi-on, ring out your joy, for the  
 great one in the midst of you is the Ho-ly One of Is-rael. Refrain

**Refrain**

*Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.*

*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.*

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## **The Gospel Lesson**

Mark 4:35-41

<sup>5</sup> On that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let’s go over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup> After leaving the crowd behind, the disciples took him along in the boat, just as he was. Other small boats also followed him. <sup>37</sup> A great windstorm arose, and the waves were splashing into the boat, so that the boat was quickly filling up. <sup>38</sup> Jesus himself was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. They woke him and said, “Teacher, don’t you care that we are about to drown?”

<sup>39</sup> Then he got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind stopped, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still lack faith?”

<sup>41</sup> They were filled with awe and said to one another, “Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!”

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**





1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 2 Those he saves are his de-light; Christ will hold me fast;  
 3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt-er would pre-vail, he will hold me fast.  
 pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, he will hold me fast.  
 jus-tice has been sat-is-fied; he will hold me fast.

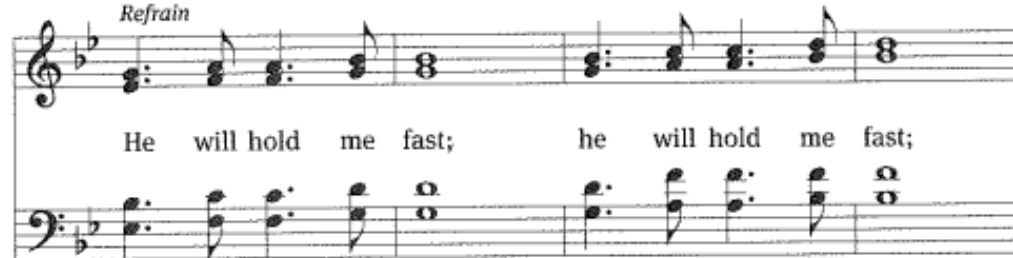


I could nev-er keep my hold thro' life's fear-ful path,  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom-is-es shall last;  
 Raised with him to end-less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of-ten cold— he must hold me fast.  
 bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.  
 till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last!

*Refrain*



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.



## Our Thanksgiving

### The Offering

An opportunity to give online can also be used at [Paypal.me/GracePortland](https://paypal.me/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:



### Prayer of the Church

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

### The Hymn:

CW21 Blue #663 (1): Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

*Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;  
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.  
Come into the daylight's splendor;  
There with joy your praises render  
Unto him whose grace unbounded  
Has this wondrous supper founded.  
Though he reigns above most holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.*

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

**C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.**

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. Amen.

## The Hymn:

CW21 Blue #663 (4): Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

*Now I kneel before you lowly,  
Filled with joy most deep and holy,  
As with trembling awe and wonder  
On your mighty work I ponder,  
How by mystery surrounded,  
Depths that no one ever sounded.  
None may dare to pierce unbidden  
Secrets that with you are hidden.*

## The Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## **The Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #663 (5): Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

***Human reason, though it ponders,  
Cannot fathom these great wonders,  
That Christ's body must be boundless  
Since the souls it feeds are countless,  
And that he his blood is giving  
With the wine we are receiving.  
These great mysteries unsounded  
Are by God alone expounded.***

## **The Distribution**

Thank you for honoring our practice of "close" communion. The Bible teaches that participating in the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete unity of faith (1 Cor. 10:17). We lovingly ask, therefore, that before joining in this, the highest act of fellowship, a unity of faith based on the Bible be established through membership in this congregation or in a sister congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy.

## **The Benediction**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

## **The Hymn:**

CW21 Blue #849: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

***Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me, from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.***

***Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.***

***Lord, when the shadows lengthen, and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen, my steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So take my hand and lead me unto the end.***